Noblesville April 16th 1857

Dear Friend
Samuel May

Thy very acceptable Letter to me dated 8th of April was duly received, and in reply I may state that I forwarded thy Letter to Charles L Remond by the first opportunity, He has held only two meetings in our neighbourhood, both of which are believed by the true Anti Slavery friends, to be of a beneficial character to the Anti Slavery cause; he returned to Philadelphia in consequence of having made arrangements for a Discussion on the Proslavery Character of the United States Constitution.

Thee states in thy Letter, that thee has frequently forwarded me Documents, which thee expects was duly received, I have received several, and supposed it was by thy favour they were sent to me; for which I wish to say, I am truly thankfull, The one I valued most highly, was the proceedings of the Dissolution Convention held at Worcester.

I feel assured that the true course

and the only right one, is, to disalue the Union our connection with the Slave holder; or rather with Slavery, Politically, Religiously, and Commercially, and leave him no conditions by which he can have our union; only by ceasing to be a Slave holder.

I have no more faith in any Political movement which acknowledges the Constitution of this Country as a Contract or agreement to be kept with impunity, working any good, —— than, I have of ridding a Farm of noxious weeds, while we continue to sow the seeds: —— I do not agree with many of my Antislavery friends in believing that the late Republican movement, has done a good work in the cause. —— It seems to me that the moderate Drinker, and what is called the judicious retailer, both of which are frequently denouncing the evils of excess, and fanatical teetolism, about alike vehemently; is doing as good a work for the Temperance cause; If progress has been made I think it is in spite of, and not in consequence of the Republican movement.

There is nothing that

has occured the last year that I regret so much as to see thase, that have done us good service in times past, and do yet, when not acting in connection with the Party and become bewitched by the America Jezabel who attires her Head, and paints her Face, in order that she may more effectually deceive us, by making us believe, that is natural beauty; which is nothing but deception.

As relates to the changes which, have taken place in our family, they were not without our approbation; the girls have moved home with their Husbands, both within one mile of our place: on being shown thy Letter, they asked if I would allow them to write a line on this sheet; but as I find it much too small to contain what I wish to communicate, I requested them to write on other Paper, and I would enclose it with this. Francis returned from the West about the close of the last year, after spending sometime in Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois; he expresses himself as having enjoyed the visit; thinks tolerable well of the West; but that Pennsylvania is, in point of facilities and comforts, about equal to any other parts of the country he is acquainted with; he wishes to be

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remembered to thee and Edwin.

Martha also wishes to be remembered to thee, and would be pleased if we could be favoured with another visit, such as thee paid us last Summer: I have thought of it, very frequently, and always feel gratefull for it. As relates to my attending the National Meeting, and seeing thee, and other true friends; I can at this time only say, that it is my intention to be there, if business and circumstances will permit.

Joseph Moore and family are well, I believe; he still remains to retain so much of the Magnet, that he points exactly to the Pole by unwaveringly deciding in favour of the entire dissolution of any connection with Slavery.

Is not the decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case, the most "thundering wide swath," that any of the Dough-faced Slaves have ever opened in the field of Political Proslavery labor? and is it not lamentable that the Nerves of the Politicians cannot be excited by such piercing?— that appears to us, to be severe enough, to cut through Thick hide? but, alas! alas! to what will not the slave submit.

With much esteem for thee my friend whom I consider to be the true friend, and advocate of the rights of mankind I subscribe myself thy friend.

To Samuel May Jr

Thomas Whitson